

DISTRIBUTION MEETING MINUTES

JULY 8, 1991

GRANITE/RED CEDAR CREEK DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Lee Sim, Directing Engineer from the Division of Water Rights. Mr. Sim conducted the meeting.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Lee Sim, *Water Rights*
Cecil Garland
George Douglas
Buck Douglas

John Mann, *Water Rights*
Glen Allred, *Red Cedar Corp Rep.*
Veronica Douglas
Annette Garland

ESTABLISHMENT OF GRANITE/RED CEDAR CREEK DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM:

The first item of business was a discussion of the stipulated court judgement which established the distribution system. The main distribution related issue of the order is the lease agreement which will allow the Douglasses 20 GPM from the Red Cedar Pipeline in Granite Creek at times when their rights cannot be met from the flow of the creek. Instead of tapping into the Red Cedar Pipeline, the Douglasses intend to tap directly into the common diversion dam and run a short pipeline to their intake box.

There was some discussion about how to regulate the 20 GPM into the pipeline and allow for changes in head in the diversion dam. Glen Allred (Representing Red Cedar Corporation) does not feel that a meter is necessary. There will be a valve control in the line and the flow will be checked periodically with a bucket and stopwatch.

MEASURING DEVICES:

There was a general discussion about measuring devices and meters on the system. The Douglasses meter appears to be operating properly. Red Cedar Corporation has had difficulty keeping their two meters operating because of debris in their pipelines. They have devised a 12" weir on the outlet of the Granite Creek Pipeline and have rated it and put notices on the side of the weir to measure various flows between 1/2 and 2 cfs. There is no provision right now on the Red Cedar Creek Pipeline to allow the water to be measured without a meter. But they have estimated the flow into the pipeline based on the opening of the headgate at the diversion dam on Red Cedar Creek. Glen said that Red Cedar Corporation intends to put the meters in operating condition, perhaps by installing additional screening devices at the inlets in the creeks.

HYDRO-POWER:

There is a possibility that a hydro-power company will enter into an agreement with Red Cedar Corporation to put hydro-power plants at the ends of both lines. If this happens then the end sections of both pipelines (including the meters) will have to be removed and re-installed to accommodate the hydro-power plants. Glen said he was reluctant to make any repairs or improvements to the meters until he knew whether the plants would be installed. He said he should know by the end of July.

WATER USE RECORD AS OF APRIL 1:

The other main issue relating to measurement of the water is the record showing how many acre-feet each water user has taken. It was explained that this was critical information for the Douglasses because Red Cedar Corporation is the primary water right holder on Granite Creek and in the latter part of the irrigation season the Douglasses cannot take water until Red Cedar Corporation has filled its acre-foot allotment. Glen Allred has kept records based on his estimates of the flow since the 1st of April. For now all the Douglasses agreed to accept his records for this year with the understanding that the totalizing meters would be functional by the beginning of next irrigation season. The court order states that the measuring devices shall be accurate to within 5 percent. It was brought up that the Red Cedar Corporation meters cease to function when the flow is below 100 GPM. It was suggested by the Douglasses that smaller meters should be installed in parallel with the larger meters to be used during low flow periods.

COMMISSIONER DUTIES:

The duties of the river commissioner were next discussed.

It was decided the exact extent of the commissioner's duties would be determined after they had more experience with the system. The commissioner would, however, be responsible for keeping records of the water distributed to each water user and that at least quarterly, and perhaps monthly, the water users would check their records of use with those kept by the commissioner. The commissioner would then submit his records annually to the State Engineer.

It was estimated that trips every two weeks through the irrigation season and once a month, or once a quarter through the non-irrigation season, is all the commissioner would have to make to check on the meters and the flow in the creeks. It was agreed that if the water users had any problems they were to contact the river commissioner rather than taking any action themselves.

COMMISSIONER SALARY AND BUDGET:

The compensation for the commissioner was set up on an hourly basis because the extent of work needed was not yet known. It was decided to pay the commissioner \$10.00 an hour and 25 cents per mile for travel expenses. Based on this, a budget was established of \$100.00 for travel expenses, \$360.00 for contractual services, \$100.00 for bonding expenses, and \$36.00 for life insurance.

Mr. Sim explained his staff would be willing to work with them on this basis this year while they were getting started, but in the future the commissioner would have to be paid over a six month period through the regular payroll system as other commissioners are. This would require a set salary and a payment of social security tax.

DOUGLAS/RED CEDAR CORP. LEASE AGREEMENT:

The lease agreement between the Douglasses and Red Cedar Corporation indicate the Douglasses will pay their share plus Red Cedar Corporation's share of the system expenses as compensation for the 20 GPM taken by the Douglasses. Therefore, this year the Douglasses will be billed for the entire amount of the budget.

RECOMMENDATION FOR A COMMISSIONER:

It was the common agreement of all present that Cecil Garland be recommended to the State Engineer as the Granite/Red Cedar Creek commissioner for 1991.

ANNUAL MEETINGS:

It was discussed that next years meeting could be held in either January or February at the Directing Engineer's discretion and could be held in the Partoun schoolhouse or at Cecil Garland's home.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM and those in attendance toured the distribution system afterwards.